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Grade: 5 Reading

Date _____

Theme Six Selection: 3

"My Side of the Mountain"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. Which conclusion about Sam is best supported by details in the story?

- a) He is funny and selfish.
- b) He is lazy and angry.
- c) He prefers to be alone.
- d) He respects wild animals.

2. When Sam realizes his fireplace is smoking them out, he decides to _____.

- a) start over
- b) pack up and go home
- c) gather materials to make a chimney
- d) only make fires outside the tree

3. At what point in the story does Sam show he is able to take care of himself?

- a) Sam prepares for winter.
- b) Sam searches for Frightful.
- c) Sam starts to keep a daily diary.
- d) Sam has a Halloween party for the animals.

4. What is the following an example of, "It took three days to get the fireplace worked out so that it didn't smoke me out of the tree like a bee."

- a) personification
- b) simile
- c) metaphor
- d) alliteration

5. Sam decides to build a fireplace so he can _____.

- a) dry out his animal skins
- b) stay on the mountain for the winter
- c) cook his meals inside the tree
- d) send smoke signals to people who might rescue him

6. When Sam places treats outside for the Halloween party, what is the effect?

- a) the animals are polite and only eat their share of the treats
- b) no animals come for the party and all the food is left
- c) the animals eat everything in sight and make a mess of Sam's home
- d) the Baron Weasel ate all the food himself

7. Baron Weasel and Frightful both help Sam by _____.

- a) helping him hunt for food
- b) warning him that winter is near
- c) protecting his food from other animals
- d) keeping him from feeling lonely

8. What is the following an example of, "September blazed a trail into the mountains. First she burned the grasses."

- a) personification
- b) alliteration
- c) onomatopoeia
- d) idiom

9. When Sam says the "mountaintop was full of songs and twittering and flashing wings," you might conclude that he _____.

- a) does not like birds
- b) likes to sing songs
- c) likes birds
- d) thinks that some birds are leaving the mountaintop

Open-ended Response

Summarize what happens after Sam is awakened by a screaming noise and discovers animals in his tree. Write a paragraph to explain your answer. Use at least 2 examples from the selection to support your answer.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	b	Drawing Conclusions	R5.A.1.3.1
2	c	Cause & Effect	R5.A.2.7.1
3	a	Problem & Solution	R5.B.1.1.1
4	b	Figurative Language	R5.B.2.2
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8	a	Figurative Language	R5.B.2.2
9	c	Drawing Conclusions	R5.A.1.3.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Paragraph summarizes what happens after Sam is awake and uses 2 examples from the selection to support the response.

2 Points

Paragraph summarizes what happens after Sam is awake and uses 1 example from the selection to support the response.

1 Point

Paragraph summarizes what happens after Sam is awake without using examples from the selection to support the response.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete